Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Robert F. Nelson, RDH, MPA, Professor and Associate Chairperson of the Department of Dental Hygiene at The University of South Dakota, will retire on June 21, 2012; and,

Whereas, Professor Nelson has admirably served higher education in the Department of Dental Hygiene and the School of Health Sciences at The University of South Dakota for nearly 32 years having come to the University in August of 1980; and,

Whereas, Professor Nelson has been a didactic and clinical instructor to more than a generation of students within the Dental Hygiene Department mentoring and educating them as they transitioned from student to professional; and,

Whereas, Professor Nelson initiated and developed clinical rotations at the Marty Indian School in Marty, South Dakota, and at the Winnebago Indian Hospital in Winnebago, Nebraska, in which dental hygiene students made significant improvements in the oral health of many Native Americans, while obtaining excellent cultural immersion experiences; and,

Whereas, Professor Nelson has made excellent research and scholarly contributions to his field through journal articles, book reviews, program and research grants, instrument development, and many presentations; and,

Whereas, Professor Nelson has provided exemplary service to the profession of Dental Hygiene through his myriad actions at the state, university, school, and department levels with most notable service in community outreach activities such as health fairs, fluoride varnish and sealant clinics, and as the Department's Associate Chairperson since 1996; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the contributions of Robert F. Nelson to the state of South Dakota during his many years of employment with The University of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do herby proclaim June 21, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family, colleagues, and friends in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State